

ABSTRACT

Diagnostic beads for the detection of occult blood in animal excreta, especially for use in a cat litter. The beads comprise a particulate material and a detection composition attached to the particulate material. The detection composition comprises a chromogen, a peroxide, an enhancer, a stabilizer, and a binder, the chromogen being selected to react with occult blood in the animal excreta so as to produce a visible and immediate color change when excreta containing blood comes into contact with the diagnostic beads